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Minutes 12/13/2005

Capital Planning Committee Meeting Minutes December 13, 2005

In attendance were:

Rob Addelson
 Steve Andrew
 Fred Fantini
 John FitzMaurice
 Charles Foskett, Chairman
 Nancy Galkowski
 Ruth Lewis
 Anthony Lionetta
 Barbara Thornton

* Denotes those not in attendance.

1. **Acceptance of Minutes:** John FitzMaurice called the meeting to order. Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and accepted.
2. **Updated Police Requests:** John FitzMaurice reported on his follow-up discussions with Chief Ryan on the bullet proof vest program: resulting recommendation is for \$29K in FY 07 and \$15K per year thereafter. Also on Vehicle Replacements, the cycle life was clarified.
3. **School Department Requests:** The Sub-Committee reported on School Department requests. A written memo was provided to the CPC. Highlighted discussion points were:
 - **Thompson /Stratton School Improvements (\$40K):** It looks like this request can be reduced to at least \$20k (if not eliminated) from the FY 07 Plan by using residual CP balances from prior years. Rob Addelson will confirm the status of these balances and then the balances can be reassigned. For the most part, planned improvements are for window replacements.
 - **System-wide Roof Repair (\$10k):** There was considerable debate about whether this is should be considered as a Capital Item or Maintenance Costs. The Subcommittee recommended acceptance, it as long as each "repair project" was above the limit recognized as a capital item. (Comment: the CPC may have to consider developing more definition / guidance on this subject prior to next year's process starting)
 - **System-wide Parking/Roadway Resurfacing (\$5k):** This request was denied in that it is considered to be a maintenance item.
 - **Bishop School Drainage Item (\$110K):** This may not be needed given that some corrective measures that have already been implemented by DPW to address the problem of ground floor flooding. Time will tell if these measures have solved the problem, in which case these additional funds would not be needed. This item can be deferred.

- **Flag Pole (\$10K):** Sub-Committee recommends pushing this out a few years.
- **Mill Brook Parking Expansion (\$240K):** There was discussion about whether more parking spaces are really needed. At a minimum, a recommendation was made to move this item out to FY 10 (the same year the Mill Brook culvert replacement is planned.)

4 Peirce Field Future Surface Replacement Plan: Relative to the new football field, Tony Lionetta questioned if there is “market demand” for hired use of the new artificial turf facility by private schools or other high end users. If there is, the hire fee could be used as a source of revenue which could go into a fund the future replacement of the artificial surface (say in 10 – 12 years). Tony Lionetta will make contact with the Athletic Director on this.

5 Public Works Sub-Committee Update (Parks): Relative to MRP, the Park Commissioners and the FOMRP have agreed on a reduced request in the amount of \$235K to supplement last year’s appropriation of \$120K to complete proposed improvements. On Buzzell, an additional \$70 K has been requested by the Park Commissioners to rehab the fields, as well as the basketball court. On Bishop, an additional \$100K is recommended to supplement the prior appropriation of \$80K. Total for Park requests in FY 07 is \$405K.

6 Public Works Sub-Committee Update (DPW): Email responses from John Sanchez were distributed. Relative to Pavement Management Request, it was agree to raise the level of roadway funding to \$800 in FY 07. (\$500K Chapter 90 and \$300K Town funds) It is expected that John Sanchez will be developing the program further over the coming months to include the roadway improvements that are realized through the Water / Sewer programs. (Pavement and sidewalk improvements will be needed to restore utility trenches.) The premise is that these roadway “\$\$” will be part of the overall amount requested to maintain our roadways.

7 TAC Request: Nancy Galkowski noted that the TAC would like to meet with the whole CPC at some point to understand the process and establish their position.

8 Next Meeting: Next CPC meeting will be 12/20 @ 4 PM.

9 Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 6:00.